measured in terms of $1 (PPP) per day, came down from 34.7 per cent in 1993-94 to 26.1 per cent in 1999-2000.

Higher economic growth has been a key element of the strategy for poverty reduction in India. Creation of self-employment opportunities (Swaranajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana), wage employment (Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana) and rural housing (Indira Awaas Yojana) are the three main *anti poverty programmes* of the Government of India. Plan allocation for these programmes has been significantly stepped up from Rs. 450 crore in 2001-02 to Rs. 9862 crore (*up by Rs. 9412 crore*) in 2005-06. Quite similarly, plan allocation for 'elementary education' has been increased from Rs. 1637 crore in 2001-02 to Rs. 10,430 crore in 2005-06 (up by 8793 crore). Plan allocation for healthcare of children (i.e. ICDS) was also stepped up from Rs. 1208 core in 2001-02 to Rs. 3154 crore (up by Rs. 1946 crore) in 2005-06. The latest programme, the Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme which is targeted at the poor in the 200 under developed districts, should further reduce poverty and inequality.

**Training to Drivers**

†993. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering over preparing any plan with regard to providing training to drivers in view of the increase in road accidents in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the cities selected for this plan; and

(d) whether Government are considering to seek assistance from other agencies under the above plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) Already two schemes "Administering Refresher Training to Heavy Motor Vehicle Drivers in Unorganized Sector" and "Setting up of a Training Institute on Driving & Research" are in operation to impart training to drivers with a view to minimizing road accidents in this country. The main objective of the scheme "Administering Refresher Training to Heavy Motor Vehicle Drivers in Unorganized Sector" is to impart training to drivers of heavy

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motor vehicle in unorganized sector. The main aim of the scheme "Setting up of a Training Institute on Driving & Research" is to provide necessary infrastructure, equipments and impart professional skills of driving to all categories of drivers including beginners and drivers already on the job.

(c) and (d) The scheme "Administering Refresher Training to Heavy Motor Vehicle Drivers in Unorganized Sector" is administered through Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)/Institutions/organizations. The scheme "Setting up of a Training Institute on Driving & Research" is administered either through State Government. or through NGOs or through public private partnership between State Government and NGOs/Automobile Manufactures. The list of 29 NGOs/institutions/organizations, who have been sanctioned grants-in-aid under the scheme "Administering Refresher training to drivers of Heavy Motor Vehicles in unorganized sector during the year 2005-06 is given in the Statement (*see* below). So far 8 driver training institutes in Assam (Guwahati), West Bengal (Kolkata), Andhra Pradesh (Vijaywada), Karnataka (Hagaribommanahalli, Bellary), Himachal Pradesh (Jassur, Kangra), Kerala (Edappal, Malappuram), Delhi (Sarai Kale Khan) and Uttaranchal (Dehradun) have been sanctioned, under the scheme of "Setting up of a Training Institute on Driving & Research".

***Statement***

*List of NGOs/Institutes/Organizations sanctioned grants-in-aid under the scheme "Refresher Training to HMV Drivers in Unorganized Sector" during 2005-06*

1. M/s SAMUHA, H.NO. 8-3-318/11/S/1, 3rd Floor, Jayaprakash Nagar, Yellareddyguda, Hyderabad-500070, Andhra Pradesh.
2. M/s Road Safety Education & Defensive Driving Institute (REDDI) H.No.7-59, Madhurapuri Colony, Dilsukhnagar, Ranga Reddy Distt, Hyderabad-500060, Andhra Pradesh.
3. M/s State Motor Transport Operators Association, Rajdhani Theatre Complex 4-100/1, IInd Floor, Dilsukhnagar, Hyderabad-500060, A.P.
4. M/s The Rajamundry Mini Goods Van Owners Association, V.L. Puram, Rajamundry, E.G. Distt., Andhra Pradesh-533103.
5. M/s The Krishna District Lorry Owners Association, D.No. 40-13/1, Chandramoulipuram, Near Benz Circle, Vijayawada-520010, A.P.

6. M/s DHEEKSHA, Path for Development, H.No. 1-49, Vill. Revally (V), Nampally (M) Nalgonda-508257, A.P.
7. M/s Parvatneni Subhash Chandra Bose Driving School, 4-76/4, Bose Building, Kanuru, Vijayawada-520007, A.P.
8. M/s Jorhat Motor Driving Training School, Gandhi Bazar, Naharkatia, Distt. Dibrugarh, Assam.
9. M/s United Multipurpose Society, Upper Hangrabari, Dispur, Guwahati-36, Assam.
10. Institute of Driving Training & Research (IDTR) Transport Department Complex, Loni Road, Delhi-110094.
11. Institute of Road Traffic Education (IRTE), B-128, DDA Sheds, Okhla Industrial Area, Phase I, New Delhi-110020.
12. M/s Council of Occupational Safety, Health and Environment, 1-A, Shivkrupa, Opposite Don Bosco High School, Panaji, Goa-403001.
13. M/s The Western India Automobile Association, Shrama Shakti Bhavan, 6th Floor, Potto Plaza, Panaji, Goa-403001.
14. The Western India Automobile Association, The Celler, Khanpur Road, Hotel Le-Meridien Compound, Khanpur, Ahmedabad-380001, Gujarat.
15. M/s WIAA-Castrol Institute of Motoring, Opp. DLA Academy, Judge's Bunglow Road, Near Nehru Foundation Cross Roads, Bodkadev, Ahmedabad-380054, Gujarat.
16. The Research Institute, Rajagiri College of Social Science, Kalamassery, Kochi-683104, Kerala.
17. National Transportation Planning and Research Centre (NATPAC), Sasthra Bhavan, Pottom Palace, P.O. Thiruvananthapuram-695004, Kerala.
19. Central Institute of Road Transport, (CIRT), P.O. Bhosari, Pune-411026, Maharashtra.
20. M/s Western India Automobile Association, 76, Veer Nariman Road, IMC Building, Churchgate, Mumbai-400020, Maharashtra.
21. M/s Ranadive Motor Driving School, Ranadive Nivas, Poona Road, Nasik-422001, Maharashtra.

22. M/s Nashik Motor Driving School, 431, Wakilwadi, Near Ashok Stambh, Nashik-422001, Maharashtra.

23. M/s TRIDHARA, Budhithakurani, Tulasipur, Cuttack-753008, Orissa.

24. M/s SUPRATIVA, At/PO. Fakirpada via Biribati, Distt Cuttack, Orissa-754100.

25. M/s Sikkim Motor Training & Engineering Institute, Sichay, Gangtok, Sikkim-737101.

26. M/s Sudha Akhil Bhartiya Viklang Kalyan Sansthan, Ist floor, Windlass Shopping Complex, 11-A-Rajpur Road, Dehradun-248001, Uttranchal.

27. M/s Dehati Gramothan Vikas Saimiti, 437, Paschimi Taraus, Maudaha, Post Ragaul, Distt Hamirpur U.P.-210507.

28. M/s Shiva Gramodyog Sewa Sansthan, F-473, Gujaini, Ratan Lal Nagar, Kanpur-208022 (U.P.).

29. M/s Ashok Leyland Driver/Service Training Centre, Vallipuram, Namakkal-637003, Tamil Nadu.

**Early Warning System in Orissa**

994. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Orissa is an island of natural disaster necessitating establishment of an early warning system;

(b) whether Government are in the process of establishing Tsunami Early Warning System in the country;

(c) if so, whether Chandipur in the district of Balasore in Orissa is the most appropriate place for installation of this warning system;

(d) whether the Central Government would consider installation of Tsunami Early Warning System in the above place or some other suitable place in the State at the earliest; and

(e) if so, the time-frame within which it would be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) Orissa coast is highly vulnerable